

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

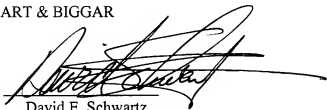
Claims 1-26 remain in this application. Multiple claim dependencies have been removed.
No other changes have been made.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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